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(U) Merced – 49 Arrested in Merced Gang Sweep

(U) Hundreds of law enforcement officers descended on a Northern California county yesterday and arrested 49 suspected gang members and seized 120 firearms, including assault rifles and automatic weapons, California's top prosecutor said. Attorney General Xavier Becerra said 500 local, state and federal officers swooped into dozens of Merced County neighborhoods in pre-dawn raids targeting Sureno gang members. Becerra says the raids come after a yearlong investigation of violent crimes involving Sureno gang members working for the Mexican Mafia prison gang. Investigators have arrested another 17 people and seized 117 firearms as part of the probe, Becerra said.

SOURCE: 10 May 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Sacramento – Inmates Finding Creative Methods of Smuggling Drugs into Prisons

(U) The \$15 million spent by California to thwart prison drug smuggling has generated mixed results, researchers found, as increasingly creative smugglers turned to tricks like concealing methamphetamine in a bar of soap or heroin under postage stamps. Drug use in the three prisons with the most intensive programs dropped by nearly a quarter after corrections officials increased their use of airport-style scanners, surveillance cameras, urine tests and drug-sniffing dogs three years ago. Seizures of cellphones, which are illegal in prisons, dropped by 13 percent. However, there was little impact at eight other prisons where the safeguards were used less frequently, reported researchers from the University of California, Berkeley, and the Public Policy Institute of California.

SOURCE: 10 May 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Arizona – Truck Driver Finds 80 Pounds of Marijuana in Ford Fusions Shipped from Mexico

(U) Nogales – A shipment of Ford Fusions traveling by rail from Mexico to Minnesota has been found to have marijuana hidden inside the vehicles. The shipment contained 15 Ford Fusions and each one had marijuana concealed in the trunks' spare-tire space. Fusions are made at the Ford plant in Sonora, Mexico, and some are shipped by rail through the border crossing in Nogales, Arizona.

SOURCE: 6 May 2017, [Star Tribune](#)

(U) New York – Thousands of Medical Records Leaked in Hospital Data Breach

(U) Bronx – Medical records of at least 7,000 people compromised in a data breach involving Bronx Lebanon Hospital Center in New York disclosed patients' mental health and medical diagnoses, HIV statuses and sexual assault and domestic violence reports. Other information in the compromised records, which online security experts said spanned 2014 to 2017, included names, home addresses, addiction histories and religious affiliations. A security researcher with MacKeeper Security Research Center said the leak was caused by a misconfigured Rsync backup server hosted by iHealth, a Louisville, Kentucky-based company that offers records management technology.

SOURCE: 10 May 2017, [NBC News](#)

(U) Texas – CBP Seizes over \$659k in Drugs at Laredo Port of Entry

(U) Laredo – US Customs and Border Protection officers recently seized a significant amount of alleged crystal methamphetamine valued at more than \$659,000 in one enforcement action this weekend. The seizure occurred Friday at the Lincoln-Juarez International Bridge, when a CBP officer referred a 23-year-old US citizen from Houston traveling in a commercial bus for an intensive inspection. The CBP officer noticed several inconsistencies with the traveler's itinerary and upon further inspection of the subject's personal belongings, CBP officers discovered a total of eight packages containing a total of 33 pounds of alleged crystal methamphetamine were discovered.

SOURCE: 10 May 2017, [LMT Online](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Bangladesh – Police Kill Five in Raid on Militant Hideout

(U) Dhaka – Police in Bangladesh raided a militant hideout today sparking a clash in which five suspected militants and a fire fighter were killed in blasts that the militants set off, police said. Bangladeshi security forces have been hunting for militants, especially members of a group that has pledged allegiance to Islamic State, since an attack on a cafe in the capital, Dhaka, last July in which 22 people were killed, most of them foreigners. Police and army commandos have killed more than 70 suspected militants and arrested hundreds since then.

SOURCE: 11 May 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) Mexico – More than Two-Dozen Killed in Cartel Feud

(U) Reynosa – More than two-dozen people have died in a bloody war over land known as "the Plaza" passing through the Texas-Mexico border. The violence across the border started last week and as of Wednesday, the violence had claimed 28 lives -- civilians caught in crossfire, alleged cartel members and military.

SOURCE: 10 May 2017, [News 4 San Antonio](#)

(U) Tajikistan – Police Detain Son of ISIS Fighter

(U) Dushanbe – Tajik security services have detained the eldest son of a former elite police force commander who defected to Islamic State two years ago, suspecting that the young man was going to join his father, security sources said yesterday. The United States last August offered up to \$3 million for information about Colonel Gulmurod Khalimov, whom it trained in counter-terrorism before he joined the Islamic State. Washington has described Khalimov as "a key leader" of the Islamic State, which has seized parts of Syria and Iran and staged or inspired deadly militant attacks around the world.

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